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SUBJ: US ROLE IN INDO-PAK NEGOTIATIONS

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1. IN COURSE OF SEPTEMBER 4 CONVERSATION WITH POL COUNSELOR AND VISITING DCM FROM RANGOON, MFA DIREGEN FOR SOUTH ASIA ABDUL SATTAR ECHOED FONSEC IN EXPRESSING DISAPPOINTMENT THAT USG HAD NOT CONVEYED LAST-MINUTE PAKISTAN PROPOSAL TO DACCA. DURING COURSE OF DELHI NEGOTIATIONS, HE OBSERVED, PAKS COULD FEEL "THE INVISIBLE OUTSIDE PRESENCE" OF TWO POWERS IN ADDITION TO BANGLADESH: CHINA AND SOVIET UNION. PRESENCE OF US COULD NOT BE FELT IN DELHI ALTHOUGH PAKS WOULD HAVE WISHED OTHERWISE.

2. ON OTHER HAND, SATTAR CONTINUED, PAKS BELIEVE US HAD PLAYED ROLE OF INESTIMABLE VALUE IN BRINGING PRESSURE TO BEAR ON INDIA FOR SETTLEMENT OF POWS ISSUE. NOT ONLY HAD USG CONSISTENTLY AND PUBLICLY MAINTAINED THAT PRISONERS SHOULD BE PROMPTLY RETURNED BUT MANY INDIVIDUAL CONGRESSMEN HAD SPOKEN OUT PUBLICLY ON THIS ISSUE AND US PRESS, EVEN INCLUDING NEWSPAPERS THAT WERE "NORMALLY PRO-INDIAN", HAD TAKEN STRONG EDITORIAL LINE ON POWS. US OFFICIAL AND OTHER PUBLIC COMMENT ON PAK

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POW ISSUE, SATTAR SAID, EXCEEDED THAT FROM ENTIRE REST

OF WORLD COMBINED, AND PAKS BELIEVED THIS HAD HAD MAJOR INFLUENCE
IN PRESSURING INDIANS TO AGREE TO THEIR REPATRIATION.
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